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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION MAILED JULY 5, 2001

Applicants submit this Amendment and Response in response to the Office Action mailed July 5, 2001. Applicants are filing a Petition for a Three-Month Extension of Time to respond.

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Applicants, thus, have until Monday, January 7, 2002 to timely file a response. As such, Applicants submit that this Amendment and Response is timely submitted and respectfully request that the amendments set forth herein be entered, and reconsideration of all outstanding rejections and objections in light of the amendments and remarks as set forth herein.